GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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Production of Gas and Syn Gas
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any plan to produce gas and syn gas from the underground coal;
(b) If so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has given contract to any company to extract energy from coal layer through underground coal gasification; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the places identified for this purpose, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER, NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGYAND MINES (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)&(b):Government has approved a policy for development of Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) in December, 2015. Accordingly an Inter-Ministerial Committee has been constituted by the Ministry of Coal for identification of suitable Coal &Lignite blocks for UCG.
(c)&(d): No contract has been given to any company for extraction of energy through UCG. However one lignite block namely Vastan in Gujarat has been identified for allocating to Gujarat Industries Power Company Ltd. (GIPCL) for UCG development.